SUBJECT No. 124.

Construction of a building for the Hindi Girls' school at Shimoga.

Messrs. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk and Kori Halappa, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of Discussion.—The present Hindi Girls' school is being held in a rented building which is not sufficient to hold the students numbering more than 300. There are a few sites available near the Mahomedan quarters, and if one or two sites are acquired and a good building is constructed it would be a great convenience to the students.

Dewan.—Will be included in the next year's programme, if possible. For the present, the school will have to be in a rented building.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Shimoga Drainage Scheme.

Messrs. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk; and B. Rukmaiya, Shimoga Town Municipality.

Messrs. P. Venkappiah and B. Rukmaiya.—The drainage scheme for the Shimoga Town designed by Mr. K. Krishna Iyengar, the late Chief Engineer for Irrigation, may be examined with a view to protect the Shimoga Town from being flooded during the years of heavy floods such as the one experienced this year. We request that Government should very kindly investigate this matter and pass early orders.

First Member of Council.—Plans and estimates have been received. Provision for expenditure will be made according to urgency.

Dewan.—When I visited the town during my tour, the Shimoga Town Municipality, in their address, made a reference to the drainage scheme as well. The question will be examined again when a revised estimate is received by Government.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Revetment of the Tunga River bank at Shimoga.

Messrs. Kori Halappa Nagar Sabha and B. N. Raghavayya, Shimoga Town Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—In the western part of the Shimoga Town where Seegi Hatti is situated, portions of the Shimoga-Tirthahalli road is being washed away year by year and in the course of time the river may make its way into the town. At present heaps of stones are put as embankment to divert water running into the town wherever the banks are eroded. Arrangements may kindly be made to remove the high rock in the river bed and to extend the revetment of this portion immediately and work undertaken without delay.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—This road is a provincial road and it is very necessary that more funds should be spent in maintaining this road in proper condition. It is not only necessary to sanction the revetment of this portion of the river, it is also necessary to remove the huge stones in the river bed which obstruct the free flow of water.

Reply of Government.—Some protective works as the construction of rough stone groynes have already been done and have proved useful. The question will be further examined and necessary action taken. The Chief Engineer will be requested to investigate the matter.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Abolition of the levy of Sandal bonus in the Honnali Taluk.

Messrs. P. Venkappiah Shimoga Taluk; Kori Halappa, Nagar Sabha; N. Gurulingappa, K. Basalingappa, Honnali Taluk and Y. K. Virupaiya, Nyamti Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—The present arrangement obtaining in the Honnali Taluk requiring the bonus amount on Sandal trees on lands applied for cultivation to be paid along with the sale amount of the assessed waste lands containing sandal trees, is causing great inconvenience to those who apply or wish to take such lands for cultivation. It is represented therefore that such lands in Honnali and other Taluks may be given out on the guarantee of the applicant for the safety of such trees.

Reply of Government.—The question of removing the restriction placed on the disposal of assessed waste lands containing sandal growth in the Honnali and Nagar Taluks, will be favourably considered.